U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of TUYET H. THAI <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Philadelphia, PA

Docket No. 00-2709; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 19, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant established a recurrence of disability beginning July 2, 1999 causally related to his July 6, 1994 employment injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated April 13, 2000 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 13, 2000 is hereby affirmed. 1

Dated, Washington, DC June 19, 2001

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member

¹ Appellant submitted additional medical evidence after the Office hearing representative's April 13, 2000 decision. The Board, however, may not review evidence that was not before the Office at the time it issued its final decision. *See* 20 C.F.R. § 501.2(c). This decision does not preclude appellant from submitting her evidence along with a request for reconsideration to the Office.